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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 70**  
**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES AND NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY TO COLLABORATE ON A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW MEXICO STATE VETERANS' MUSEUM IN LAS CRUCES.**

**WHEREAS, there are currently twenty-one museums in New Mexico that include military items and exhibits in their collections; and**

**WHEREAS, because those museums are scattered throughout the state and contain artifacts from different wars and campaigns, the contributions of New Mexico's veterans are not adequately represented; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico's military history is extensive, as it covers nearly five hundred years and includes the exploits of conquistadors, roughriders, code talkers, buffalo soldiers,**

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1 Bataan death marchers and seven medal of honor recipients; and

2 WHEREAS, the city of Las Cruces, which is home to a  
3 significant population of veterans and which lies in close  
4 proximity to Fort Bliss, Biggs army field, White Sands missile  
5 range and Holloman air force base, is a logical choice for a  
6 New Mexico state veterans' museum; and

7 WHEREAS, Las Cruces is also home to New Mexico state  
8 university, which could contribute its resources to the  
9 consolidation of military artifacts that are now scattered  
10 throughout the state and could assist with the establishment of  
11 a New Mexico state veterans' museum; and

12 WHEREAS, the office of cultural affairs is the state  
13 agency charged with oversight of state museums;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of cultural affairs, the  
16 city of Las Cruces and New Mexico state university be requested  
17 to collaborate on a proposal to establish a New Mexico state  
18 veterans' museum in Las Cruces and report the results of their  
19 efforts and their recommendations to the legislative finance  
20 committee no later than October 1, 2003; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the state cultural affairs officer, the mayor of  
23 the city of Las Cruces and the president of New Mexico state  
24 university.